

Whereas the United States-Korean partnership helps undergird peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and provides economic benefits to the people of the United States and Korea and to the rest of the world; and

Whereas beginning in 2003, more than 100 communities throughout the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievements and contributions of Korean-Americans to the United States over the past 100 years; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested organizations to observe the anniversary with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to submit today, along with the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator BIDEN, the Vice Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Mr. WARNER, and the Vice Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, Mr. CAMPBELL, and many of our colleagues, a Senate resolution recognizing the historical significance of the 100th anniversary of Korean-American immigration to the United States in 2003.

In December of 1902, 56 men, 21 women and 25 children traveled from Korea across the Pacific Ocean on the *S.S. Gaelic* and landed in Honolulu, HI, on January 13, 1903, marking the first entry of Korean immigrants to the U.S. territories. The year 2003 will be the 100th Anniversary of that immigration. With that anniversary looming, interest in this historic centennial celebration is growing in Korean communities in the United States and worldwide, including events within the vibrant Korean-American communities in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A century is more than a convenient marker for Korean-Americans: It celebrates Koreans' prominent place in the broad narrative of America. Judging by their achievements over these past 100 years, theirs is an American story that confirms the opportunity for individual initiative, creativity, hard work and success in these free United States.

Both individually and as a community, Korean-Americans have much to celebrate in 2003. In such diverse areas as commerce and finance, technology, medicine, education, and the arts, Korean-American contributions are being widely acknowledged and recognized. Even the Korean culture, uniquely shaped, inspired, and nurtured by life in America, is becoming part of the vernacular. From Hawaii to California to New York, and in Annandale in Fairfax County, VA, Korean-American communities are vibrant and vital leaders throughout the United States.

It is worth noting that apart from the many achievements by Korean-Americans, unique among all immigrant communities in the United States, the early Korean-American

community was united around the common goal of attaining freedom and independence for their colonized mother country. Like many immigrant groups, Korean-Americans embraced the basic principles of democracy in our Constitution. It is a goal that continues to this day, when one considers that one out of four Korean-Americans still has relatives and other loved ones trapped in North Korea.

Starting in the early 1950s, thousands of immigrants, fleeing from war, poverty and desolation came to the United States seeking opportunities. Without knowing the language and without great wealth, but with strong family ties, caring community support and many hours of hard work, Korean-Americans, like waves of immigrants before them, have taken root and thrived in our free American soil.

Crucial to Korean-Americans' success was their ability to organize themselves for mutual support and assistance through associations, churches and other organizations. This success has translated itself, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, into 135,571 businesses owned and operated by Korean-Americans across the country with gross sales and receipts of \$46 billion. These businesses employ 333,649 men and women with an annual payroll of \$5.8 billion.

The contributions to this country by early Korean-Americans include the invention of the first beating heart operation for coronary heart disease, the development of the nectarine and a four-time Olympic gold medallist. In the modern era, there have been notable achievements by engineers, architects, doctors, actors, singers, sculptors and novelists, among others. With more than 100 communities throughout the United States preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Korean-American immigration to the United States, it is appropriate and deserving to recognize the historical significance of this milestone.

It is my hope that this resolution will encourage appreciation, pride, and self-awareness among Korean Americans, and I encourage schools, organizations, and Federal, State, and local governments to plan activities and programs together with the many Korean-American organizations that are currently preparing for this wonderful anniversary of the living American Dream.

I respectfully ask for the support of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for this resolution, and urge the Senate to pass this historic resolution.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 87—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE CRASH OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 587**

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted the following con-

current resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 87

Whereas American Airlines Flight 587 en route from John F. Kennedy Airport in Queens County, New York to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic crashed on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens County, New York on November 12, 2001;

Whereas the crash resulted in the tragic loss of life by an estimated at 266 persons, including passengers, crew members, and people on the ground;

Whereas New York City has strong cultural, familial, and historic ties to the Dominican Republic;

Whereas many of the passengers were of Dominican origin residing in the Washington Heights community, a vibrant neighborhood that is an integral part of our national cultural mosaic;

Whereas the Rockaway community has already suffered greatly as a result of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001, as the Rockaway community has long been home to one of the highest concentrations of the firefighters of New York City, many of whom lost their lives responding to those attacks on the World Trade Center;

Whereas many Rockaway residents, ignoring the risks of being harmed by fire or other hazards at the site of the plane crash, rushed to the site in an effort to help;

Whereas the people of Rockaway have served as an inspiration through their resilience in the face of adversity and their faith in and practice of community; and

Whereas the professional emergency personnel of New York on the ground at the crash site performed emergency services valiantly, thereby limiting the devastation of this tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

#### **SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

The Congress—

(1) sends its heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 on November 12, 2001;

(2) sends its sympathies to the people of the Dominican Republic and to the Dominican community in the City of New York who have been so tragically affected by the loss of loved ones aboard that flight;

(3) sends its sympathies to the people of the Rockaway community who have suffered immense personal loss as a combined result of the crash on November 12, 2001, and the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; and

(4) commends the heroic actions of the rescue workers, volunteers, and State and local officials of New York who responded to these tragic events with courage, determination, and skill.

#### **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF THE ENROLLED RESOLUTION.**

The Clerk of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the Dominican Republic and to the Mayor of New York City.

#### **AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 2175. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2170 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (H.R. 10) to provide for pension reform,